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1. The Union Eslava is composed principally of diversified Slav Communist organizations, each of which is a separate racial or ethnic group. There are also sub-committees of the master organization, Union Eslava, which contain mixed Slavic strains. This dual system of organization is one of the strong points of the local Slav Communist movement as it provides effective interweaving of the various national groups.
2. The following comparative tables representing the organizational size of the Union Eslava in 1945 and 1948 demonstrate the tremendous advancement and expansion of local Slav Communism.

Beginning of 1945:

| <u>Organisations affiliated with Union Eslava</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Yugoslav | 15 |
| Ukrainian | 10 |
| Czechoslovak | 8 |
| Byelorussian | 8 |
| Bulgarian | 4 |
| Polish | 2 |
| Russian | 2 |
| Mixed sub-committees | 6 |
| Total | 55 |

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Beginning of 1948:

| <u>Organizations affiliated with Union Eslava</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Yugoslav | 24 |
| Ukrainian | 19 |
| Czechoslovak | 17 |
| Byelorussian | 22 |
| Bulgarian | 11 |
| Polish | 5 |
| Russian | 2 |
| Mixed sub-committees | <u>50</u> (approximate) |
| Approximate total | 150 |

3. There are 12,000-15,000 dues-paying members in the Union Eslava. This number includes only those who have a Union Eslava "carnet" and who pay their monthly dues of two pesos. It is not believed to include members of the youth and feminine sections. Nor does the above figure include Lithuanian, Armenian and other Eastern European, non-Slav Communists, although these groups actively collaborate with the Union Eslava. Consequently, it is evident that the Union Eslava actually controls a considerably greater number than 15,000.
4. The activities of the Union Eslava of Argentina have been closely supervised and guided during the past two years by the Slav Committee in Moscow. This commission has become increasingly active in directing Slav Communism in the River Plate area, channeling its instructions from Moscow through the Soviet Embassy in Buenos Aires.
5. Although there is no direct or overt connection between the Union Eslava and the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA), it is noteworthy that the CPA has a special Idiomatic Commission with which many local Slav Communists are affiliated. Yugoslav Communist Pedro Zanetic, Secretary of the Consejo Central Yugoslavo and an active member of the Union Eslava, is the liaison officer between the CPA and the Union Eslava.
6. Below are listed reasons why Slav Communism is a potential threat to Argentina:
 - a. Slav Communists are generally considered to be more fanatic than their ideological colleagues of the CPA. Although the Slav masses are of a low cultural and intellectual level, the leaders of these masses are well-trained and exceptionally well-qualified to guide their followers.
 - b. A rigid discipline is maintained within Slav Communist organizations.
 - c. The Union Eslava has more funds at its disposal than is generally believed.
 - d. Propaganda methods of the Union Eslava are exceptionally effective.
7. The Union Eslava has already made alternate plans for continued operations under semi-cultural front groups in the event that its activities are directly curtailed by the Argentine government.
8. Many officials of local Slav Communist organizations are merely figureheads while the actual directors remain unknown. Thus the real leaders could continue to direct their organizations in the event of police suppression and the arrest of the publicized leaders.

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